Dear Senator Toni Harp;

My name is Heather Curran and I am a freshman in the Killingly agriscience program in Killingly. I live in Moosup and I attend this regional agriscience school choice program because I love animals and I think it will help me with collage and a job I want. I also enjoy learning hands on which Killingly provides. Going into the aquaculture lab is very interesting and you learn a lot about the different types of fish and their production methods.

I am writing this letter to encourage you to please urge the Appropriations Committee to pledge 9 million dollars of the school choice funding increases proposed in the Governor's budget to the state's 19 regional (vo-ag) agriscience programs. I think this could help our school get the supplies we need to make the vocational agriculture program a better environment to learning in.

Our agriscience programs have been drastically underfunded for over 20 years as compared to the magnet schools, charter schools, vocational technical schools and the other school choice funding programs. (Please see attached flyer with details) This will allow hundreds of more students like me to enroll in these successful programs so they will have the same positive experience I am having now.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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